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F. STROPPIA's Contact with German Intelligence:

Following his discussion with ALWENS, STROPPIA went to Milan to see Colonel RAUFF, of the SS, living in the Albergo REGINA. He explained his project to RAUFF, and received RAUFF's approval. RAUFF instructed him to go to Rome and to sound out Vatican officials to learn what would be the Vatican's attitude toward Germany following the fall of Rome. RAUFF did not mention peace negotiations specifically but he gave STROPPIA to understand that he wanted to know how far Germany could count on the Vatican in case negotiations with the Allies became necessary.

RAUFF told him to go to Florence and call upon Dr. ALBERTI, of the Sicherheitsdienst, and then to go on to Rome to see Colonel KAPPLER, head of the Sicherheitsdienst, in via TASSO.

RAUFF did not provide STROPPIA with transportation, identification papers or a note to ALBERTI.

K. Description of Others:

RAUFF - Colonel. First name unknown. Lives on the 1st floor of the Albergo Regina, Milan, Medium stature; blond; dark eyes; slender; ruddy long face; curved nose; under 1.70 meters tall. Has a secretary; a German lieutenant, with right hand partly paralyzed by rheumatism contracted in Africa.

RAUFF and his assistants were all stationed in Africa at one time.

RAUFF is head of the German SS for Northern Italy, under WOLFF.

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